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COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

This Month in Search and Rescue

February 2020

Special points of interest:

2.1.2020 Tech Training
West Stronghold

2.2.2020 K-9 Training
Montezuma LZ

2.3.2020 Rescue In-
jured Boulder Jumper
Amerind Foundation
2100 hrs

2.5.2020 Training &
Meeting SEACOM
1730 hrs

2.8.2020 K-9 Training
Misty Ray Rd

2.16.2020 Two Almost
Missions, Carr and
Jaxon Cabin

2.17.2020 K-9 Training
Hwy 90

2.23.2020 K-9 Training
Palominas

2.27.2020 Rescue Mis-
sion Montezuma Pass
Crest Trail

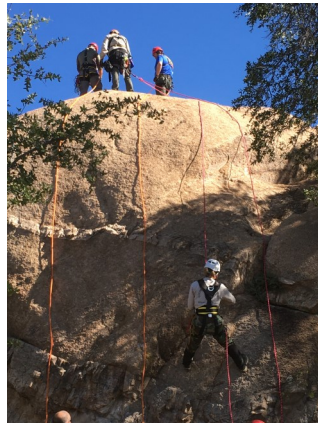
2.29.2020 K-9 Train-
ing San Pedro House

2.1.2020 Tech Training W Stronghold

The weather could not have been any more perfect. Not too hot, not too cold and not too windy, just perfect. The turnout for this tech training was pretty awesome in itself; 20 personnel, the most we had in a long time at tech training. Eric S7, started the TRT skills over, he signed off personnel having to re-certify in rappel, using the 3-D, Muentner with autoblock and a approved personal device. Newer members, not familiar with some of the various devices, went through some intensive one on one training, until they really felt comfortable using the 3-D, a rescue 8 and the Muentner with autoblock. Not only were the team members required to rappel, they also had to lock off on each device, except the Muentner with autoblock. This was a very productive training. Prior to "hitting" the rappel site, Eric S7, went over some of the basic elements, explaining each and every device.



Tech continued



2.2.2020 K-9 Training Montezuma

As others prepared to get ready for the Super Bowl, we just went out and trained, and trained some more. The weather was a bit chilly, but overall it was a good training day. A lot of learning going on especially if you seek out "At what have I failed today" and look at it as getting better and improving your training. We all get influenced by others walking behind us, no matter how much we would like to ignore. They stop, you think you misread your dog and missed a turn, you try to rush across a intersection, and not letting the dog work out the sudden terrain change. Trying to stay behind the dog as much as possible, not to accidentally lead them into a direction you "think" is the correct one. The list goes on and on for a trailing dog. It is really important we do not let the trailing dog switch trails, they need to stay true to the scent of the subject they were scented on. If we let a switch slide, without correction, we create a problem; and the dog thinks it is okay to go after something more interesting. Wilderness search dog work differently,

they work off lead and the handler also must be able to read the dog. Further, the dog must have a solid find re-find, telling the handler he found someone. The dog might locate an area, where the subject was, but has left. A scent pool created by a subject being in an area for some time will draw the dog. The handler can investigate and have the dog continue with the search. The new area might not have created a scent pool and the dog has to find the "cone" to work toward the subject. The wilderness teams work like an oiled machine together; independently yet as a team, and the handler being able to read and recognize the slightest of body changes; head pop, ears, tail, anything and everything is important in recognizing the dog located someone.



2.3.2020 Rescue Amerind Foundation-Injured Climber

The team was activated for this rescue mission around 2100 hours. A subject, bouldering in the area of the Amerind Foundation had slipped and his arm got caught in between two boulders. By the time someone heard him yell for help, he became pretty hypothermic. He was able to free himself from the entrapment, but was unable to get down. From what we observed he began the paradoxical undressing due to severe hypothermia. It took over half

an hour to get his core temp back up to semi normal. Angie got her first stick, while the subject was treated and then transported to the Benson Hospital.

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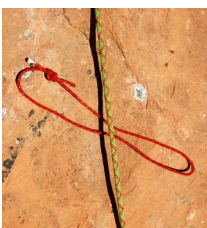


Knot of the Month—Autoblock Knot

During the last TRT Skills training Eric S7, went over the Autoblock Knot while rappelling with the Muentner, can also be utilized when using the rescue 8. Yu can either use a prussic or small narrow webbing sling. Eric used a small narrow webbing



sling and not the one inch webbing. You might want to have a sling prepared strictly used in the autoblock. Approximately 2 feet 9/16 inch wide sling. If you use a prussic it should not more than 5 to 6 mm in diameter and roughly form a 18 inch loop after tying. This knot is attached below the rappel device and NOT above.



The first step in tying the autoblock knot is to attach a locking

carabiner to the leg loop of your har-



ness—brake hand side. Next wrap the autoblock sling four or five times around the rappel rope. Remember the more raps the more friction. If you do not have enough wraps, or the rope or sling is new it will slip. Also, if you have too many wraps the knot won't slide very easily. Also make sure the sling knot is not part of the autoblock, but to the side near your carabiner. Step 2: After wrapping the sling around the rappel rope, clip both ends of the sling into the locking carabiner on your harness leg loop. Make sure you lock the carabiner. Make sure you dress all the wraps, ensuring they are neat and not crossed. Also, make sure the knot is not tightened or cinched down on the rope allowing it to slide easily.

Several experienced this particular knot being too tight and it became necessary to feed the rope making for a very jerky rappel.

Test/check your knot. Make sure the length of the sling is not too long after tied to the rappel rope. Make sure the autoblock cinches onto the

rope once weighted. Make sure the sling is not too long so it will jam the rappel device. Using a short sling, no longer than 2 feet, should prevent



this. Put your brake hand on top of the autoblock knot, and use your guide hand above the device.

As you rappel, let the knot slide with your hands keeping it loose. If you need to stop, simply let go of the knot and the it will cinch onto the ropes.

You can tie this knot in 30 seconds and it will keep you safe, used correctly and can prevent serious injury, especially if there is no one on the bottom to act as a belay person.

“True leadership lies in guiding others to success. In ensuring that everyone is performing at their best. Doing the work they are pledged to do, and doing it well.”

Unknown

39th Anniversary

March 2020

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3.5.2020 Training and Meeting
SEACOM 1730 hours

3.7 2020 Tech Training West
Stronghold 0900 hours

3.8.2020 K-9 Training Paloma

3.14 and 15.2020 Overnighter E Stronghold & Helo
Requals Sunday

3.21.2020 K-9 Highway 90
Sand Pedro N Side

3.29.2020 K-9 Training St
David at Angies

4.2.2020 Training & Meeting
SEACOM 1730 hours

4.4.2020 Tech Training Carr
Flagpole 0900 hours

4.5.2020 K9 Training W
Stronghold

4.11.2020 K9 Training E
Stronghold

4.18.2020 Mock W Stronghold or TBD 0900 hours. All hands on training

4.23.2020 Swift Water Class
SEACOM 1730 hours

4.25.2020 Swift Water Training
Salt River o'dark 30

4.25..2020 or 4.26.2020 K9
Training Charleston Bridge

APRIL 2020

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5/2/2020 Helo Requals E
Stronghold

5/3/2020 K9 Training 0700 hrs
area of the B&B Palominas

5/7/2020 Training and Meeting
SEACOM 1730 hrs

5/9/2020 K-9 Training TBA

5/14/2020 Dive Tender Train-
ing SEACOM 1730 hrs

5/16/2020 Dive Training Par-
ker Canyon Lake. K-9 might
join for training as well

5/17/2020 K-9 if not participat-
ing at Parker

5/23/2020 K-9 training
Charleston 0700 hrs

5/25/2020 Happy Memorial
Day

5/31/2020 K-9 training night
training

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2/5/2020 Training & Meeting

Due to receiving training in the new call out system, we did not have a meeting. The time was completely taken by installing, and getting everyone set up. Never saw this many



people at a meeting in a long time. We did have several new members as well. Welcome on board, Forrest and David. Some others could



be considered new members, since we had not seen them in a very long time, especially during training. This new call out system will be awesome, especially for the coordinators. Lots of options and possibilities regarding every mission. Real time tracking of personnel, mileage, location, etc., the possibilities are pretty much endless.

Blast from the Past



This goes way back, the helo even has the J-step. If you didn't pay attention getting out of the helo, you would get hung up on this. And then, there is the "diaper" ambulatory subject short haul equipment sure has evolved since then.



2/14 to 16 HRD Training with Pima County

Three of our HRD dogs were able to attend a HRD workshop hosted by SRDI and given by Ann Christensen. The training scenarios challenged all the dogs, we worked field, buildings, barns and an old hanger. We received pointers of how to improve the Final Trained Response (FTR) and how we can improve our dogs. Justin having located the source and getting ready



for his FTR. We also worked on boxes, with one being a remote box, to work on the FTR. It is a game for the dogs and they love the challenge. It is fun to watch when the dog gives the FTR at the source box and the toy or food reward pops out. We were also able to work on some old ceme-



teries. It was really interesting to see how the dogs worked these old grave site prob-

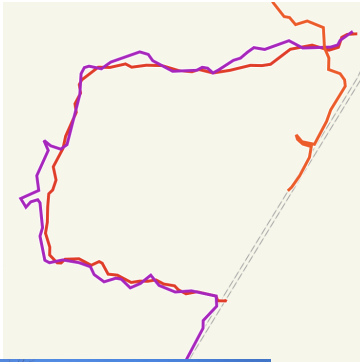
lems. The scent is everywhere and they had to pinpoint the strongest scent. Ann really had to work us outside of our comfort zone. Challenging not only the dogs but us as well.



Odin and Pattie waiting for their turn at the hanger scenarios

2.17.2020 K-9 Training Hwy 90 / San Pedro

What's a day off? Nothing. We threw in another K-9 training day. One of our trailing dogs in training, Rocky, worked on his basic trailing certification and passed. Now



he can train toward the next level, one tier at the time. Sophie



have to work on very old starts. The downfall in the river beds really put a challenge on the handler, You have to follow where



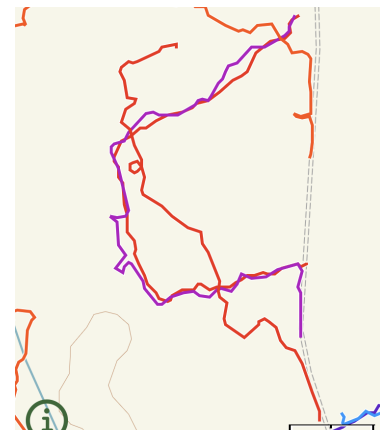
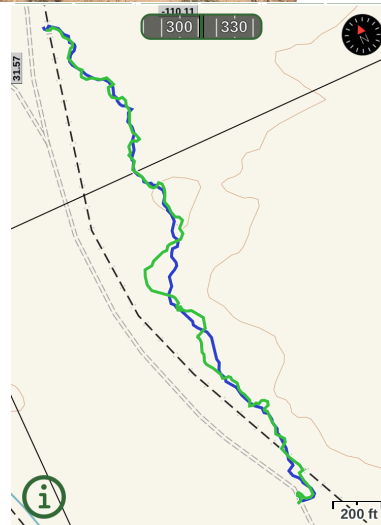
Bruce worked an awesome trail going after Deuce. He had to work through Rocky's evaluation trail, which included Deuce as an evaluator. Bruce did not waiver and found



worked on and aged trail as well. Her trail was really tough, with lots of blank areas she had to work through, but she made it. She worked

grass areas, the rail road bed, to some really sparse vegetation areas not very scent productive. But she did it and she did not give up. Iris worked a 2 hour old trail and really had to work hard and concentrated in the blank areas. Franzi did not bad either locating

the subject of her search. We really have to challenge ourselves and the dogs. Certification is coming up in November and the trail could be up to 12 hours old. Meaning we



Deuce. It sure was fun to watch how Bruce



ever the dog goes. Over under and through branches, Over, under logs, you name it, and you do it.



worked the scent pool at the end and worked his way in.

2.18.2020 Z Additional Wilderness Training

This is for sure. If you are out there, no matter how difficult you make it, Z will find you. We worked on a completely new and different area yesterday. Ashley had asked for some training, since she was unable to come Monday. I had previously scoped out an area and got in touch with the property owner. So here I am, laying out reading a book in the 60 acre area and within about twenty minutes I hear the stomping through the grass and a fly by. Next I hear her barking telling Ashley she had found me. That is one dog who loves her job.



2.23.2020 K-9 Training Palominas

We had another great training day. We worked on unknown contaminated starts. All dogs did awesome locating their target and having to work through lots of distractions. Jennifer worked on HRD problems with Justin, since his re-cert is coming up in May. She worked area with Banana, who worked really hard and locating her two subjects. Ashley was able to work Z on several problems, to include scent pools, where the subject had stayed for a very long time and moved on. Rick, one of our regular and very appreciated trail setters, challenged Jasmin with K-9 Iris, and yes she had to get her feet wet, whether she liked it or not. Franzi did pretty good in ignoring all the previous scent from Rick, who she had to go after. Rocky worked another turn problem and rocked it. Sophie did awesome and she was able to run two trails. And as usual, Bruce had no problems with his trail either, having to work through the HRD area where K-9 Justin, and handler Jennifer had worked in. He did really well working extremely hard. Even K-Oz worked another problem after a long three day HRD workshop.



Dr. Scuba Corner

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better do better.”

Maya Angelou

K-9 continued



K-9 Training San Pedro House 2.29.2020

*“Let’s train—
Concentrate on the
bad and the ugly!
The only way to get
better!”*

Jeff Schettler

